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1. The Soviet Trade Delegation in Vienna has signed a contract with the Leobersdorfer Maschinenfabrik A.G. for 52 Meserhütte type model ML 800 excavators having a capacity of .8 cubic meters for shipment to Metalimport, Moscow. It is rumored that the price of each excavator is approximately 400 thousand schillings. The Soviets specified that 30 of the excavators are to be diesel-driven. The remaining 22 are to be equipped with electric units.
2. The Leobersdorfer Maschinenfabrik A.G. agreed to deliver 20 excavators per year. The deliveries are to begin in September 1950.

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